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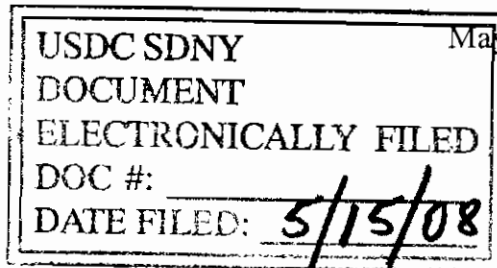
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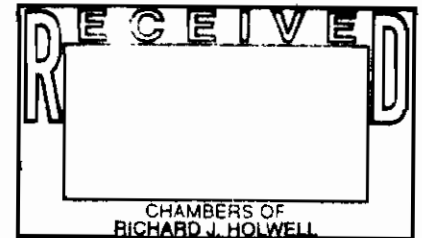
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**Via Hand Delivery**

Honorable Richard J. Holwell  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007



May 12, 2008



Re: B.D. Cooke & Partners Limited v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's,  
London  
Civil Action No.: 08-CIV-3435 (RJH)  
Our File No.: 3038.001

Dear Judge Holwell:

Please find enclosed courtesy copies of the Notice of Motion, Affirmation, and Memorandum of Law in Support of the motion of defendants Underwriters at Lloyd's, London (Underwriters) to stay plaintiff B.D. Cooke's (Cooke) action and compel arbitration under the New York Convention.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(f), this Court's Individual Practices, and the Initial Scheduling Conference Notice and Order, Cooke and Underwriters are to attend an initial scheduling conference on June 27, 2008. The parties are also required to prepare a Proposed Case Management plan before the conference.

In this case, however, Cooke seeks an order remanding its action to the Supreme Court, New York County, and Underwriters seek an order compelling arbitration and staying Cooke's action.

The parties have conferred and jointly request that the June 27th conference be adjourned to a date after the Court has ruled on either or both of the parties' motions.

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The parties have also conferred with respect to oral argument of their motions and both respectfully request oral argument.

Finally, Underwriters cited treatises and articles in their memorandum that may not be available on Westlaw or Lexis/Nexis. With the Court's permission, we will make available the cited pages from these articles or books.

Respectfully,

*Jan Verh*

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*Application Granted.*

*Initial conference adjourned  
sine die. The Court will  
schedule oral argument  
after reviewing the parties'  
submissions.*

*SO ORDERED*

*R. J. Hume*